Mr. C. O. Madhavan: There is no great hardship, Sir. If we supply them with all the Bombay salt that they want we would have to find fresh market for home salt.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: A reference, to page 117 of the Administration Report of the Excise Department shows that Bombay salt is sold at 3 chs. 12 cash per *edangali*, whereas local salt is sold at 2 chs. 12 cash per *edangali*.

President: That has been admitted by the Government member; and he has told us distinctly that the reason is to encourage local salt. It is a method of inducing people to purchase local salt. They have deliberately fixed a higher price for foreign salt. That is his answer. Patriotism, I suppose.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I ask why, if the object of Government is to encourage the consumption of local salt, equal quantities of Bombay salt and home salt are supplied from the Munambam and Alleppey depots?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: The proportion is equal at Munambam alone, and not so at Alleppey, where it is one of Bombay salt and five of local salt. As already explained, Bombay salt is brought to supplement the local salt, to the extent to which it is not sufficient to meet the demand.

Mr. V. S. Arumukam Pillai: May I ask whether there is complaint that the salt issued from Puthalam contains more of magnesium chloride?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: On analysis, the salt produced in all these factories in South Travancore has been found to contain small varying quantities of magnesium chloride. I cannot say whether Puthalam salt alone contains more of it.

Abolition of the temporary Sub-Registrar's office at Warkalai.

93. ***Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai:** With reference to the abolition of the temporary Sub Registrar's office at Warkalai, will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information:

(*a*) the various reasons which weighed with them for ordering the abolition of the Sub-Registrar's office at Warkalai from the beginning of the next year;

(*b*) the total number of documents registered in the above office every year from 1103 up to date (26-11-1109);

(*c*) the annual net income of the above office from 1103 up to date; and

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(*d*) the average expenditure incurred on account of the above office per annum ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Warkalai Sub-Registrar's ofifce is not being abolished.

(*b*)	1103	...	2,799
	1104	...	5,479
	1105	...	5,169
	1106	...	4,261
	1107	...	3,650
	1108	...	3,671
up to	26-11-1109	...	3,365

			Rs. chs. c.
(*c*)	1103	from 1-7-1103 to 1-12-1103	4,837-27- 2
	1104	...	9,215-10-14
	1105	...	8,638-20- 0
	1106	...	6,054- 8- 0
	1107	...	4,581-25- 6
	1108	...	3,780- 2-11
up to	26-11-1109	...	3,539- 2-11

(*d*) Nearly Rs. 2,798 per annum.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Registry of documents in Sub-Registrar's offices.

1. **Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Sub-Registrar's offices in the State which registered less than 3000 documents during the years 1106, 1107, 1108 and 1109?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: A statement* containing the information required is laid on the table.

Neglect of the Alleppey Port by certain Steam Navigation Companies.

2. **Mr. S. Adam Sait** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the B. I., the Asiatic and the Scindia Steam Navigation Companies are treating the port of Alleppey as closed so far as their steamers are concerned; and, if so, whether they are aware of the reasons?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes. But, two steamers of the British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd., and two steamers of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd., referred to, called and worked at the Alleppey Port during the

* *Vide* Appendix III—page 561.

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